

February 25, 2010

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar  
United States Senator  
306 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: McKinley / Riverside Avenue  
Safety Improvement Project  
Muncie, Indiana**

Dear Senator Lugar:

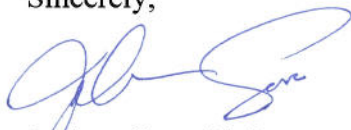
As Congress begins work on the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations process, I ask that funds be included in the U.S. Department of Transportation's budget for continuation of the McKinley / Riverside Avenue Safety Improvement Project.

Specifically, Ball State University seeks \$6.5 million in the FY11 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill to initiate construction of the project's next phase. Originally authorized by Congress in 1998, the project's goal is to eliminate the dangerous mix of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the center of the Ball State campus. Phase I of the project was completed in 2005, and Phase II of the project was completed in 2006. Requested funds will be used to construct the project's third phase.

I am thankful for your past support for this project and appreciate your consideration of this request. I am aware that the practice of Congressional earmarking has come under increased scrutiny in recent years, and am grateful for your leadership to restore public confidence in that process. Ball State University has carefully evaluated this project to ensure that it is in the public interest and worthy of your advocacy.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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President